

Christ Lutheran Newsletter

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Bible Study/Sunday School: 9:00 a.m.
Worship Service: 10:00 a.m.

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From the Pastor...

Tomorrow night's supermoon eclipse (I'm writing this on Saturday, Sept. 26) is grabbing the attention in the headlines. *"First Supermoon eclipse since 1982!" "Last Supermoon eclipse until 2033!"* In case you haven't been following the story, a supermoon occurs when the moon's orbit places it at its closet point to the earth - 31,000 miles closer. It appears 14% larger in the sky and 30% brighter. Eclipses of the moon are not uncommon, but since 1900 only five times has a supermoon been eclipsed.

There is a connection here to us and our life as God's people. The moon has no light of its own, but simply, and faithfully, reflects the light of the sun. So with us. *"Once you were darkness,"* writes St. Paul, *"but now you are light in the Lord."* We are called in our Baptism

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to reflect the light of the Son in our daily life. We are moons in this sense. When the moon is out at night, though it is not nearly as bright as the sun, it still gives light to the earth. The night sky is even darker when there is no moon in the sky. How good it is that we, as Christians, are lights in this way. We are not Christ, but as Christ shines His light of truth and mercy upon us, by His grace, we reflect that light into our dark world. How dark, however, the night becomes when the moon is eclipsed. A moon's eclipse happens when the earth gets between it and the sun. Does this ever happen to us? Sadly, yes. When this sinful world blocks the light of Christ from coming to us, we no longer reflect His light because His light of the Gospel is no longer filling us. We need to repent. God's Sonlight continues to shine by His grace, despite us. He forgives us and restores us. He calls us back to our Baptism; back to being His reflecting moons. The supermoon eclipse this Sunday night will last for over an hour, but then the moon will once again reflect the light of the sun. No matter how long we have been in eclipse, God is able to return us to our rightful place - as His glorious moons, receiving the light of His grace in Christ, and being lights, in response, for our darkened world.

The people that in darkness sat
A glorious light have seen:
The light has shined on them who long
In shades of death have been,
In shades of death have been.

Lord Jesus, reign in us, we pray,
And make us Thine alone,
Who with the Father ever art
And Holy Spirit, one,
And Holy Spirit, one.

LSB #412—"The People That in Darkness Sat" vss. 1, 6

Pastor's Office Hours:

Monday & Wednesday
9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Prayer Service

Followed by Bible study
each Wednesday morning
11:00 - 11:30 a.m.



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*"Thy Word is a lamp unto
my feet and a light unto
my path." Psalm 119:105*



Attendance

August 30 - 58
September 6 - 45
September 13 - 55
September 20 - 62

"I was glad when they said to me, let us go to the house of the Lord!" Psalm 122:1

The Church's one foundation is Jesus Christ, Her Lord; She is His new creation by water and the Word. From heav'n He came and sought her to be His holy bride; with His own blood He bought her, and for her life He died.

LSB #644 - "The Church's One Foundation" vs. 1

Apple Butter Cooking

Thanks to all who donated supplies and time to help make our 2015 apple butter making such a success! A beautiful day combined with plenty of donuts and coffee made for a wonderful time of fellowship and fun. In addition to making 72 half pints, 144 pints, and 30 quarts of apple butter, we learned from Glenon Stelzer (after a few false starts) that a plastic or styrofoam cup filled with water will not burn when set in the fire! Strange but true! Even apple butter making can be educational. Prices are \$3.00/half-pint, \$4.50/pint and \$8.00/quart. Thanks again for all the help and support in making this project a success!



Hannah Rinne Baptism



Hannah Marie Rinne, daughter of Dan and Abby Rinne was brought to Jesus in Holy Baptism on September 20, 2015. Her sponsors are Scott Jacob and Annie Buehrle.

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But Jesus called them to him saying, "Let the children come to me, and do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of God."

Luke 18:16

Youth Hay Ride

Our youth grades 7-12 are invited to a hay ride Saturday, November 7 from 5:00 to 8:30 p.m. at Leroy and Beth Nadler's farm. Youth from King of Kings Lutheran Church in St. Louis will be participating. You are welcome to bring a friend, and parents are welcome to attend, also.



Financial Information

Rather than waiting until voters meetings, when everyone is only seeing the most recent months income & expenses, we will begin posting each prior month in our newsletter. The first section shows what we deposited from loose plate and the weekly envelopes. The second section shows what we have borrowed from ourselves and the line of credit. The third section shows what is in our other checking and savings account (but not the endowment fund). And last, we will list extra upcoming expenses. Teri Nadler, Treasurer & Tom Kluesner, Chairman

Operating Cash Flow:

Operating Income (current white envelope, loose plate)	\$8,241.75
Operating Expenses (everyday expenses, salary)	<u>\$8,795.01</u>
August Deficit	(\$553.26)

Debt:

Line of Credit at Bank (\$5,300—\$500 Aug. payment)	\$4,800.00
Special Offerings (borrowed for general use)	<u>\$17,953.28</u>
	\$22,753.28

Assets:

Other checking accounts at First Bank	\$360.04
Savings Accounts (not including Endowment Fund)	<u>\$35,585.25</u>
	\$38,945.29

Large bills due August—October:

Prepay propane for winter	\$2,900.00
Property & Liability Insurance (quarterly payment)	\$1,626.25
Update outside cooler	\$900.00
Hogs for the Sausage Dinner (approximately)	<u>\$1,500.00</u>
	\$6,926.25

Photo Directory

The Council has decided it is time for an updated church photo directory. Rodrigo and Samantha Pineda have graciously offered to donate their photography services. A sign-up sheet is in the lobby. Pictures will be taken on October 25 and November 1 (Sundays). Nancy and Dave Little are helping to arrange the schedule. There will be no cost to members unless you would like separate prints made (a great idea for Christmas cards!). It has been six years since our last photo directory, so we are excited about getting an updated version!

Thanksgiving Food Drive

There will be a Thanksgiving food drive benefitting the Marthasville Food Pantry beginning Sunday, October 18, and running through Sunday, November 22nd. There will be a display in the education wing listing non-perishable food items and personal care products that are being collected, as well as a place for donated items. If you would like to make a cash or check donation please place it in a plain envelope marked "Thanksgiving Food Drive" with your envelope number written on it and place it in the donation container on the display table. Make checks payable to Charrette Baptist Church and note "food pantry donation" in the memo section. Thanks so much for being a blessing to those in need this Thanksgiving season!



Photo Gallery



October 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Office Hours: Monday and Wednesday mornings 9-12	Prayer Service & Bible Study: Wednesday mornings 11-11:30			1	2 Caitlyn Sullivan	3
4 Elders after church	5 Randy & Stacy Squires 7:00 Casual Class	6 Trevon Molitor	7 Bill & Linda Warnecke 6:30 Choir/Chimes	8	9	10 Raquel Ritter
11 Sausage Dinner	12	13 Bob Drier Dave Little	14	15	16	17
18 Ron & Christy Hamersen	19 7:00 Council	20 Lynn Fuhr Natalia Ritter	21 Kenneth Beumer 6:30 Choir/Chimes	22	23	24
25 Voters Meeting	26 7:00 Casual Class	27 Linda Warnecke	28 Carolyn Kemner	29	30	31 Reformation Day